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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR - THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF AFRICAN CIVIL
AVIATION COMMISSION (AFCAC), KAMPALA, APRIL 15-26

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SUMMARY: THIRD PLENARY SESSION AFCAS CONVENED FROM
APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 26. IT WAS ATTENDED BY 89
DELEGATES FROM AFCAC MEMBER STATES, 13 OBSERVERS FROM
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND 11 OBSERVERS FROM 6
NON-AFCAC MEMBER STATES. IN VIEW USG OBSERVER
(RCAA DOWR), NO SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS TAKEN AT SESSION
WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. CARRIER OPERATIONS,
SCHEDULED OR NONSCHEDULED. E.R.K. DWEMOH (GHANA)
REELECTED PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. THIRD PLENARY SESSION AFCAC CONVENED 1100 HOURS
APRIL 15, 1975 BY COMMISSION PRESIDENT AFCAC
E.R.K. DWEMOH (GHANA), CONTINUING THROUGH MORNING
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APRIL 26. USG OBSERVER RCAA DWOR ATTENDED ALL AIR

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND PLENARY MEETINGS FROM APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 25, WITH EXCEPTION PORTION ONE PLENARY MEETING CLOSED TO OBSERVERS DUE SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING OAU/AFCAC RELATIONSHIPS.

2. AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE APPROVED (AND PLENARY ADOPTED) WORKING PAPERS COVERING TOURISM, NON-SCHEDULED OPERATIONS, FACILITATION, BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, AIR FARES, OPTIMUM DEVELOPMENT OF AIR SERVICES, AIR FREIGHT AND AIR MAIL, AIRLINE COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION, STATISTICS, CONTRIBUTION OF CIVIL AVIATION TO DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMIES OF AFCAC MEMBER STATES, AND AIRCRAFT PURCHASE FINANCING.

3. E.R.K. DWEMOH REELECTED PRESIDENT AFCAC FOR ANOTHER YEAR, DEFEATING ZAIRE AND MALI CANDIDATES. TUNISIA AND MALI CANDIDATES REELECTED REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS FOR NORTHERN AND WESTERN SUBREGIONS RESPECTIVELY, AND ZAIRE AND KENYA CANDIDATES ELECTED VICE PRESIDENTS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN SUBREGIONS RESPECTIVELY. NEXT MEETING, AFCAC EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY SESSION LIBREVILLE JUNE OR JULY 1975 TO DISCUSS CREATION AND LOCATION OF FLIGHT-CREW (PILOT) TRAINING CENTERS.

4. RCAA NOT PRIVY TO PLENARY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION DEALING WITH AFCAC RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY OAU AT TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY SESSION MOGADISCIO JUNE 1974 (SINCE ENDORSED BY OAU ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT) TO MAKE AFCAC SPECIALIZED ORGAN OF OAU.

5. AFCAC THIRD PLENARY SESSION ATTENDED BY 89 DELEGATES FROM 28 MEMBER STATES, 13 OBSERVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND 11 OBSERVERS FROM 6 NON-MEMBER STATES. ICAO ALSO ASSIGNED 26 HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF TO SUPPORT THE SESSION. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED INCLUDE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AIRLINES (AAFA), CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL OF ARAB STATES (CACAS), INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSOCIATION (IACA), INSTITUTE OF AIR TRANSPORT (ITA), INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION (ICAA), INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA), UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA), AND ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU). DR. WALTER BINAGHI, PRESIDENT ICAO COUNCIL, ATTENDED OPENING PLENARY MEETING AS DID VLADIMIR DE BOURSAC, IATA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, OBSERVERS FROM NON-

MEMBER STATES INCLUDED FRANCE (3), USG (1), AUSTRALIA (2), PRC (2), USSR (2).

6. IN RCAA VIEW, NO SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS TAKEN AT SESSION WHICH WOULD AFFECT ADVERSELY U.S. CARRIER OPERATIONS, SCHEDULED OR NONSCHEDULED. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF MORE IMPORTANT WORKING PAPERS APPROVED BY AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (E.A. OLANIYAN OF NIGERIA CHAIRMAN) AND ADOPTED BY PLENARY:

A) WP 56 NON SCHEDULED OPERATIONS

DEALS WITH DRAFT COMMON AFCAC POLICY ON REGULATIONS FOR NONSCHEDULED OPERATIONS AMENDED AND APPROVED BY AIR TRANSPORT BUREAU AT BAMAKO OCTOBER 1974. WITH REGARD TO STANDARD APPLICATION FORMS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE INCLUSIVE TOUR OR AFFINITY GROUP CHARTER FLIGHTS, PROVISIONS FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ALLOWING FOR LESS RIGID TIME LIMITS IN SUBMISSION OF CHARTER APPLICATIONS. ADOPTS COMMON AFCAC POLICY ON REGULATIONS FOR NONSCHEDULED OPERATIONS AND URGES STATES TO FILE ANNUALLY STATISTICS ON CHARTER PASSENGER OPERATIONS.

B) WP 55 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

INSTRUCTS AIR TRANSPORT BUREAU TO CREATE IF NECESSARY A STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE MATTER OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS, LIMITING STUDY IN FIRST PHASE TO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AFCAC MEMBER STATES FOR AIR SERVICES WITHIN AFRICA. AT LATER STAGE, IF NEED BE, AT THE SUBREGIONAL LEVEL, TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRY OUT ANOTHER STUDY RELATING TO BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AFCAC MEMBER STATES ON ONE HAND AND NON-AFCAC MEMBER STATES ON THE OTHER FOR AIR SERVICES FROM, TO, AND WITHIN AFRICA.

C) WP 77 AIR FARES

INSTRUCTS AIR TRANSPORT BUREAU TO TAKE ACTION, IN COOPERATION WITH AFRAA, AACO, IATA, AND IACA WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF FOLLOWING: 1) REVISE NORMAL AIR FARES WITHIN AFRICA TO MAKE THEM MORE DEPENDENT ON DISTANCE AND THUS REDUCE COST OF TRANS-AFRICA AIR TRAVEL; 2) INTRODUCE SPECIAL FARES THAT ARE MORE COMPETITIVE ON ROUTES TO AND FROM AFRICA SO AS TO PROMOTE MORE

RAPID GROWTH OF AIR TRAVEL BETWEEN AFRICA AND MAJOR TRAFFIC GENERATING AREAS; 3) INCREASE AVAILABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF SPECIAL FARES ON "LOCAL AFRICA" ROUTES; 4) CONTINUE GATHERING INFORMATION ON FUTURE LEVELS OF ARES AND RATES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT PREJUDICIAL TO AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT.

7. RCAA AIRPOUCHING TODAY TO OFFICE OF AVIATION FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS OBTAINED AT CONFERENCE:

A. AFCAC WORKING PAPERS AND JOURNALS (WORK ACCOMPLISHED)

B. REPORTS - AFCAC SECOND PLENARY SESSION, ACCRA 3-14 APRIL 1973

C. SEMINAR ON ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING - AFCAC, 1974, DAKAR, 10-13 JUNE 1974

D. AFCAC - INTERNATIONAL NON-SCHEDULED AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC AFRICA, 1971 AND 1972; CIRCULAR NO. 4 (OCTOBER 1974)

E. AFCAC - SUB-REGIONAL MEETING ON AIRLINE COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION WEST AFRICA - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABIDJAN, 10-13 DECEMBER 1974

F. AFCAC - SUB-REGIONAL MEETING ON AIRLINE COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION NORTH AFRICA - TUNIS, 19-22 NOVEMBER 1974.
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